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Legislative Report on the Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program

Background:

The Utah Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program (RPLRP) exists to provide, with funding appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose, education loan repayment assistance to physicians in exchange for serving Utah rural communities and citizens.

Purpose:

- In 2017, the Utah Office of Primary Care and Rural Health (OPCRH) was awarded \$300,000.00 for this program.
- This is used to address the areas of the state that have a substantial need for medical care for under-served and uninsured populations.
- These grant contracts are for new physicians in rural areas and require the hospital, at which they are hired, to match the funds given by the state, and are for two years.
- All RPLRP contracts are for \$30,000.00, which is paid out in 2 payments of \$15,000.00.
- The physicians are required to submit bi-annual progress reports. This report includes number of patients seen and scope of practice.
- In the 2017-2019 FY, the RPLRP has funded nine physicians in rural Utah, with contracts totaling \$270,000.00 which is paid out over a two year period. The first year expenditures, as of this date, amount to \$120,000.00.

Please refer to Table 1 for rural hospitals participating in this program.

Table 1.

Identifier	Degree	Hospital	County	Grant Award per year	Hospital Match per year
Provider 1	M.D. Ortho	Central Valley Hospital	Juab	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 2	D.O. OG/GYN	Sanpete Valley Hospital	Sanpete	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 3	D.O. Pediatric	Central Valley Hospital	Juab	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

Provider 4	M.D. Internal	Uintah Basin Medical Center	Duchesne	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 5	D.O. Family	Central Valley Hospital	Juab	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 6	M.D. Family	Moab Hospital	Grand	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 7	D.O. Family	Sevier Valley Hospital	Sevier	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 8	M.D. Family	Bear River Hospital	Box Elder	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 9	M.D. Ortho	Sevier Valley Hospital	Sevier	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00